

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 617

By Durham

A RESOLUTION recognizing Pleasant View Farm upon its certification as a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and recognize those exceptional farming families who, through their dedication to the ancient and esteemed traditions of agriculture, have made significant contributions to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Century Farms Program recognizes those families who have owned and farmed the same land for over a century, and also documents and interprets the State's history and culture of farming; and

WHEREAS, the Glass and Gentry families of Williamson County are among those farming families, and their land, Pleasant View Farm, has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm. It was established in 1848 when Samuel F. and Sarah Malone Glass purchased 449 acres from Whig party influential Meredith P. Gentry; and

WHEREAS, upon the death of Samuel Glass, his son, Samuel F. Glass, Jr., became the second-generation owner of the farm; in addition to the cultivation of cotton and tobacco, he raised mules; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Samuel and Sarah Glass' great great-granddaughter, Mrs. James Cannon Gentry, obtained the title to 496 acres of the family land, and her son, Allen Gentry, is the fifth-generation of the lineage who works the land, producing hay, wheat, tobacco, and cattle; and

WHEREAS, a prehistoric village site from the Mississippian period also stands at Pleasant View Farm, proving agriculture has been practiced there for a very long time; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as members of the Glass and Gentry families, who have demonstrated a deep respect for tradition and hard work and possess an abiding love for the land; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate owner Allen Gentry, his wife, Cindy, and his father, James Cannon Gentry, whose Pleasant View Farm has been designated a Tennessee Century Farm, commend them for their dedication to agriculture, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.